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Engineering Department hosts MalaCompra Basin project update with residents

February 19, 2019 – Flagler County’s Engineering Department will host a public meeting from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 6 at the Hammock Community Center to provide an update on the MalaCompra Basin Water Quality Enhancement project.

Mailed invitations will be sent to property owners who are directly impacted by the project – Marineland Acres, Rollins Dunes, and Seascape.

“We want to keep residents informed about the status of the project,” said County Engineer Faith Alkhatib. “As always, we will do our best to minimize the impact on the daily life of our residents while we move forward with this health and safety project.”

The project will accomplish two goals: ease flooding on the northern barrier island; and, prevent untreated stormwater and septic tank leachate from making its way into the Intracoastal and ultimately places like Pellicer Creek headwaters – a pristine estuarine system.

Presently, construction for the system outfall improvements is underway. The stormwater treatment facility construction off Bay Drive will begin within the next couple of months.

Design work is about 60 percent complete for the side street collection laterals. The construction for that \$6 million portion of the project is almost fully funded through a Florida Department of Transportation grant for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

Also assisting, the St. Johns River Water Management District in 2016 awarded Flagler County a \$500,000 grant as a Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) cost-share program project. The District decades ago placed the project in its Northern Coastal Basin Surface Water Improvement Management (SWIM) plan.

The Flagler County Board of County Commissioners tracked the problems for many years, and in 2010 agreed to make the project a top legislative priority. The County has spent more than \$6 million combined on the

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design and permitting – through the St. Johns River Water Management District and the Army Corps of Engineers, as well as the acquisition of property for the holding pond and outfall easements.

Hammock Community Center is located at 79 MalaCompra Road.

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